

He was doomed he beat it for the clubhouse gracefully, without turning for any parting shots. That is contrary to all precedent, as in 1914 and 1913 he usually kept up a running fire of comment on the umpire's ability until the clubhouse door closed on his manly form.

This earnestness will make a difference in Zimmerman through the summer. He will be in more ball games and will do better work for the team.

Jimmy Lavender, taken sick Sunday night, fell in his room at the Planters' hotel, fracturing a rib. The break will lay him up for several weeks.

Lavender's injury comes just at a time when it seemed the Montezuma Marvel was to be of some use to the team. He pitched one excellent game, and, with the exception of Jim Vaughn, is the only man who has shown ability to go through nine innings without assistance from two or three brother pitchers. It places Bresnahan in a bad position and means the pilot will have to rely on the younger pitchers for a couple of weeks, at least until Cheney regains his form.

Standridge failed yesterday, but Karl Adams showed a flash or two that may be kindled into big league ability.

Vic Saier smashed two singles, a double and triple, Bob Fisher maced a pair of doubles and a single, and Cy Williams soaked two doubles.

What makes Joe Tinker's ball club look like a better team this season? The reserve material, just as we have said before. He is well fixed for secondary power in the outfield and behind the bat. The burden of the backstopping will no longer fall on Art Wilson, as Fischer can do an excellent job defensively, and pound the ball with greater force than Jimmy Block.

Fischer took Wilson's place yesterday and slammed a pair of home runs.

Tinker is also using his double shift outfield. He replaced Wickland and Flack with Mann and Hanford. Hanford failed, but Mann slapped a pair of bingles. Silk Kavanaugh seems doomed. The fleet gardener was left at home when the team started on its present jaunt and so far he has not been given a contract. This indicates the local lad will be unconditionally released.

Smith has begun to hit and time will settle him as a fielder.

Sox fans who have become discouraged because Rowland's gang is off to a poor start, when great things were expected, should not become downhearted. Too many times in the past the South Side aggregation has started early to break up the league in a runaway race, only to curl under a scorching sun in June and July and slither down toward the bottom of the ladder.

Yesterday was the first time the Sox have really been decisively defeated this season. In every other game they have offered a hot battle and the margin between defeat and victory has been small. It must be considered that Rowland is putting together a new team, with two new men in the outfield and practically three strangers in the infield, as Bretton can hardly be considered a veteran regular.

It will take time for these fellows to sift into machine play. They need the experience of playing together and much cannot be expected of them until they become acquainted with each other's peculiarities.

Also, yesterday was the first time they have been unable to hit effectively. Batting power is there in larger proportions than has ever been known before on a Sox team and it is bound to make itself felt. Felsch and Brief have been hitting the ball with as much force as Jack Fournier ever employed and they are sure to roll up safeties.

Jim Scott was spiked in practice and will be out of the game for a few